



Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3600

PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 040894-5949

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Ryuichi SATO)	Confirmation No.: 5489
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Application No.: 10/654,941)	Group Art Unit: 3653
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Filed: September 5, 2003)	Examiner: T. Morrison
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For: SHEET PROCESSING APPARATUS)	Mail Stop AF
AND SHEET BUNDLE ALIGNMENT)	
METHOD)	

Commissioner for Patents
Customer Window
Mail Stop AF
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 6, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period of response to which extends through August 7, 2006 (August 6, 2006 being a Sunday), with the payment of a one-month extension fee, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

DO NOT ENTER
8/16/06
2/28/07